

# WINTER BENEFACTORS APPEAL 2023



## 800<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI AND THE CHRISTMAS CRIB

1223

AT GRECCIO, ITALY

2023

The Conference of the Franciscan Family is pleased to announce that a Plenary Indulgence has been granted from December 8, 2023, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, until February 2, 2024, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

The indulgence may be obtained by visiting a church served by Franciscans and praying before the nativity scene set up there.

(And fulfilling the customary obligations set forth by the Church for the reception of a Plenary Indulgence.)



**Capuchins of Central Canada**

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*Pray for Ukraine*



*Dear Friends,*

*Winter 2023*

*Now three years before his death it befell that he was minded, at the town of Greccio, to celebrate the memory of the Birth of the Child Jesus, with all the added solemnity that he might, for the kindling of devotion. That this might not seem an innovation, he sought and obtained license from the Supreme Pontiff, and then made ready a manger, and bade hay, together with an ox and an ass, be brought unto the spot.*

*The Brethren were called together, the folk assembled, the wood echoed with their voices, and that august night was made radiant and solemn with many bright lights, and with tuneful and sonorous praises. The man of God, filled with tender love, stood before the manger, bathed in tears, and overflowing with joy. Solemn Masses were celebrated over the manger, Francis, the Levite of Christ, chanting the Holy Gospel. Then he preached unto the folk standing round of the Birth of the King in poverty, calling Him, when he wished to name Him, the Child of Bethlehem, by reason of his tender love for Him.*

*A certain knight, valorous and true, Messer John of Greccio, who for the love of Christ had left the secular army, and was bound by closest friendship unto the man of God, declared that he beheld a little Child right fair to see sleeping in that manger. Who seemed to be awakened from sleep when the blessed Father Francis embraced Him in both arms. This vision of the devout knight is rendered worthy of belief, not alone through the holiness of him that beheld it, but is also confirmed by the truth that it set forth, and withal proven by the miracles that followed it.*

*For the example of Francis, if meditated upon by the world, must needs stir up sluggish hearts unto the faith of Christ, and the hay that was kept back from the manger by the folk proved a marvellous remedy for sick beasts, and a prophylactic against divers other plagues, God magnifying by all means His servant, and making manifest by clear and miraculous portents the efficacy of his holy prayers.*



*~ St Bonaventure*

Our brothers Sunil, Martin and Peter now all solemnly professed continue to do well, proof of your heartfelt prayers for vocations and generosity in action. Recently Bro Michael our Vocations Director held a “Come and See” day and we had four men attend to inquire about Capuchin religious life. These moments are God-given and possible through your prayers and generosity, THANK YOU so very much!



In Christ, Francis & Clare  
Bro Alan R. Gaebel, ofm, cap +



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# CAPUCHIN BURSE REPORT

01 January, 2023 – 12 December, 2023



Name	Amount	# of Donations
203 Gilda & Raffaele Gaglione Family Burse	\$ 100.00	( 2 )
22 Bro David Connolly Burse	\$ 250.00	( 4 )
230 St Philip Neri Parish Burse	\$ 50.00	( 1 )
299 Bro Alan Gaebel Burse	\$ 320.00	( 4 )
389 Barry & Theresa McLeod Memorial Burse	\$ 1000.00	( 1 )
411 Joseph & Bridgett Heffernan Memorial Burse	\$ 350.00	( 7 )
416 St Alphonsus Parish Burse	\$ 140.00	( 3 )
418 Harvey Corriveau Memorial Burse	\$ 1000.00	( 1 )
460 St Anthony Burse	\$ 100.00	( 1 )
476 Bro Paul Duplessie Burse	\$ 350.00	( 3 )
477 Fr Ladislaus Council #7744 Burse	\$ 200.00	( 2 )
480 Francis J La Madrid Memorial Burse	\$ 700.00	( 2 )
483 Bro Louis Mousseau Burse	\$ 470.00	( 5 )
489 St Jude Burse	\$ 50.00	( 1 )
500 Padre Pio Burse	\$ 280.00	( 5 )
505 Seminarians Burse	\$ 12,628.77	(68)
520 Bro John Corriveau Burse	\$ 100.00	( 1 )
521 Sr Muriel Williams OFS Memorial Burse	\$ 100.00	( 1 )
524 Bro Michael Mascarenhas Burse	\$ 20.00	( 1 )
528 Bro Peter Poel Burse	\$ 100.00	( 1 )
533 Bro Sunil D'Costa Burse	\$ 100.00	( 1 )
534 Bro Martin Ngo Burse	\$ 4,080.00	( 5 )
540 Sr Bette Ann Kuehn OFS Burse	\$ 310.00	( 5 )
545 Fr Terrence McKenna Burse	\$ 20.00	( 1 )
546 Maria Van Massenhoven Burse	\$ 100.00	( 1 )



THE CAPUCHIN BROTHERS OF CENTRAL CANADA  
MARY, MOTHER OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PROVINCE

Wish each and every one of our friends and benefactors  
and your families our warmest greetings  
for a Holy Christmas and a Blessed New Year in 2024!

(and our gratitude for your prayers and financial support)

**E-Transfers** may be made to [CapFoundation@capuchins.ca](mailto:CapFoundation@capuchins.ca)  
(auto deposit, no passwords required)

God is always calling, are YOU listening?



Capuchin life can be Habit Forming...

Please pray for Capuchin vocations and for our brothers in formation and studies...



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### OUR CAPUCHIN BURSE PROGRAM

The Capuchin Burse Program exists to fund our participation in the Capuchin Initial Formation Programs. These programs consist of three elements, Postulancy, Pre-Novitiate and Novitiate, in which our men receive their initial training and education in the Capuchin Franciscan way of life. Our Postulancy Program is a collaborative effort between the Capuchin Provinces of St. Joseph (Detroit), St. Mary (New York) and ourselves, and is currently based in Milwaukee, WI. The Novitiate program is international, with the Capuchin provinces of the United States, Australia, Canada (English), and Guam sending their novices to our Intercontinental Novitiate in Santa Ynez, CA. During this time our novices begin studying the life of St. Francis of Assisi as well as our Capuchin and Church history. Our Initial Formation Programs provide a solid religious foundation for our men, which is world-class, informative, and enlightening. Our programs emphasize that their vocations are not only to the local, but also global Church.

The current costs of these programs is approximately \$120,000.00 (CDN) per person. Every donation YOU make to our Capuchin Burse Program directly enables our men to participate in these Capuchin Formation programs providing our Catholic Church with brothers who are well formed in Capuchin Franciscan spirituality and prepared for a life of ministry in our Church.

### OUR CAPUCHIN LEGACY PROGRAM – What will YOUR LEGACY be?



As Christians one of the most important tasks we have is that of faithful stewardship. This is beautifully expressed in St. Francis' "Canticle of the Creatures" which gives thanks for our interdependent relationship with all of God's creation, in which we all share. This same spirit also finds contemporary resonance in a quote by Blessed Fr. Solanus Casey, OFM, Cap (d.1957) who stated, *"The only science that gives purpose to every other science is the science of religion – the science of our happy relationship with, and our providential dependence on God and our neighbour."* One of the most important and faith filled acts of stewardship that you can do is to make certain that you have a current will. It is your loving remembrance for others and your love is returned a hundred-fold in your reaching out and assuring "new life" for others.

**REMEMBER...** Not only can you leave a gift of financial remembrance but also gifts of Life Insurance, Stocks, Bonds or Property may also be gifted through your Will. For further information contact our Provincial Office..

-4- Remember in addition to E-Transfers (see Page 3) we also accept online gifts via Credit Card at <http://www.capuchins.ca/you-can-help/>

